

clerk, etc., shall continue in office for the term of four years; the Treasurer, etc., shall continue in office for the term of two years. Now, if A should be elected to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County, at the October election, only four years, and at the October election, 1890, there would have to be an election of a new clerk for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the county of Martin, regardless of any act of the State Legislature postponing the elections. Why? Because the duration of the office or term of the office is limited by the organic law, and not by the law when the election is to take place is also fixed by the organic law, and neither of these can be changed by the Legislature. Now, I think it is clear that the organic law fixes the length of the term, the time when the election shall take place, if there was any doubt in my mind as to all of these, here is Sub. Div. 10, sec. 2. "The term of office of the clerk of the court shall be four years, and shall be determined by popular vote, and now in any office which is continued by civil constitution, the person who holds the office shall continue in any such office before the taking effect of any such law."

and in doing so, let us give them to understand, that the people know their rights, and knowing them, dare maintain them. The people are patient to a certain point. But it is to be hoped that they will not quietly sit still until their limbs are manacled, their chains forged, and clanking on about them, the very slaves of those who have trusted in their servants. And to prevent themselves being made slaves they must carefully watch and guard against the unnecessary signing of such unconstitutional acts as postponing elections. HELVIDIUS.

PERJURY.—A minor named Temple was sentenced this morning in the Criminal Court to forty days imprisonment in the county jail, for perjury, he having sworn before the grand jury that he obtained whiskey of Long and his associates, keepers, and before the court that he did not so obtain it. The Judge in pronouncing the sentence said that the penalty inflicted, was made thus light on account of the youth of the delinquent.—*Lafayette Dispatch*.

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